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SUBJECT: REACTION TO APRIL 23 KISSINGER SPEECH

1. POLCOUNS APRIL 26 SOLICITED REACTION TO KISSINGER SPEECH FROM POSTHUMUS MEYJES, MFA POLICY PLANNING CHIEF, WHO WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN DETERMINING GON' S STANCE REGARDING US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS OVER THE LONG TERM.

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2. POSTHUMUS MEYJES SAID WHILE IT TOO EARLY TO REACT IN COMPREHENSIVE FASHION, HE WELCOMED SPEECH AS A SUBSTANTIVE INITIATIVE WHICH (A) WAS NEEDED TO " JELL " DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON " SUBTERRANEANLY," AND (B) COULD ONLY COME FROM THE U. S. HE FELT THE GENERAL DIRECTION TAKEN BY DR. KISSINGER WAS A GOOD ONE AND, INsofar AS IT POSES THE PROBLEM OF WHAT THE U. S., EUROPE AND JAPAN HAVE IN COMMON, HE LIKES THAT PERSPECTIVE. HE TERMED THE SPEECH " A GOOD START."

3. MAX VAN DER STOEL (LABOR PARTY'S SHADOW FONMIN) IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF DESCRIBED THE EXPLICIT STATEMENT OPPOSING UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM EUROPE. HE READ MESSAGE ON BURDEN-SHARING LOUD AND CLEAR, BUT FELT THAT DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN NEGATIVE BOP EFFECTS SUFFERED BY US AS RESULT OF STATIONING FORCES IN EUROPE AND EUROPEAN DEFENSE EFFORT. VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT EUROPEAN EFFORT IS ALREADY CONSIDERABLE, ALTHOUGH IT COULD BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE IF ALLIES COULD COOPERATE -- AND THIS SHOULD BE MATTER OF URGENCY FOR EUROGROUP. (COMMENT: DEPT WILL RECALL THAT VAN DER STOEL, AS RAPPORTEUR OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE AT NOVEMBER 1972 NAA MEETING, PROPOSED PACKAGE DEAL DIRECTED AT RELIEVING BOP EFFECTS OF US TROOP PRESENCE IN RETURN FOR U. S. GUARANTEE OF TROOP PRESENCE FOR SPECIFIED TIME).

4. VAN DER STOEL WAS STRUCK BY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT WILL DEAL WITH ATLANTIC POLITICAL, MILITARY, AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS COMPREHENSIVELY. VAN DER STOEL SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND THIS APPROACH, BUT SAID THERE WAS PRACTICAL PROBLEM OF HOW TO GO ABOUT IT, AS THERE ARE ALREADY SEVERAL SEPARATE FORA (NATO, EC, GATT, OECD) WHERE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF ATLANTIC PROBLEMS ARE BEING ADDRESSED. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD SOON PROVIDE FURTHER ELABORATION ON HOW COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH CAN BE IMPLEMENTED.

5. IN BRIEF RESPONSE TO APRIL 25 PRESS QUERY RE SPEECH MFA SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS BEING STUDIED WITH GREAT ATTENTION AND INTEREST. HE OBSERVED THAT IT TOUCHED ON COMPREHENSIVE PROBLEMS WHICH HAD HIGHLY IMPORTANT ASPECTS AS TO CONTENT AND ESPECIALLY IN AN INSTITUTIONAL RESPECT.
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